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R 221117Z MAY 75  
FM AMEMBASSY BAMAKO  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1468  
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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BEXP, BTRA, ML

SUBJECT: FOREIGN BUYER PROGRAM - MR. ISSA TRAORE

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED OF IMPENDING U.S. VISIT  
BY ISSA TRAORE, SOCIETE HAIDARA ET PRERES, BAMAKO, MALI.  
TRAORE IS INTERESTED IN ARRANGING IMPORTATION TO MALI OF  
ONE OR MORE OF FOLLOWING GENERAL PRODUCTS:

- A. FABRICS FOR LOCAL PRODUCTION OF LIGHT WEIGHT CLOTHING.
- B. USED LIGHT WEIGHT CLOTHING.
- C. TOILET SOAP.
- D. FLASHLIGHT BATTERIES.

TRAORE PLANS ARRIVE NEW YORK CITY CIRCA MAY 31, 1975 FOR STAY  
UP TO ONE MONTH. NO CURRENT PLANS TRAVEL OUTSIDE NYC AREA.

1. TRAORE ADVISES HE HAS DISCUSSED IMPORT FINANCING WITH ONE  
OF HIS BANKS (BANQUE INTERNATIONALE POUR L'AFRIQUE OCCIDENTALE).  
EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS HE WILL HAVE APPROX USD 10,000 WITH HIM.

3. TRAORE FIRM IS RELATIVELY LARGE MALIAN IMPORTER AND GENERAL  
MERCHANDIZER. RETAIL STORES BAMAKO, MOPTI, SEGOU, KAYES AND  
SIKASSO AND SELLS WHOLESALE TO MERCHANTS IN SMALLER PROVINCIAL  
TOWNS. HAS BAMAKO WAREHOUSE AND REPRESENTATIVES (RELATIVES)  
DAKAR AND ABIDJAN. VISITED NYC CIRCA EARLY 1973 DURING WHICH  
PURCHASED APPROX 100 TONS USED CLOTHING. LOCAL CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE ADVISES FIRM IS ONE OF OLDEST MALIAN-OWNED COMMERCIAL  
ENTERPRISES.

4. TRAORE PLANS CONTACT AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
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AND WOULD LIKE CONTACT USDOC FIELD OFFICE NYC FOR ASSISTANCE

IDENTIFYING POTENTIAL SUPPLIERS. TRAORE SPEAKS FRENCH, LIMITED ENGLISH.

5. REALIZE LEAD TIME IS SHORT BUT WOULD APPRECIATE NAME USDOC FIELD OFFICE OFFICIAL TRAORE CAN CONTACT UPON ARRIVAL NYC. MCGUIRE

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